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Employers Affected by California Rainstorms Eligible for Extension on Filing Employment Tax Returns

SACRAMENTO – Employers in 34 counties that were directly affected by damage from the recent severe rainstorms may request up to a 60-day extension from the state Employment Development Department (EDD) to file their state payroll reports and deposit state payroll taxes without penalty or interest.

The eligible counties include: Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Humboldt, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Yolo, and Yuba.

This extension may be granted under Section 1111.5 of the California Unemployment Insurance Code (CUIC) and is applicable only to reports and taxes for the fourth quarter of 2005 and the first quarter of 2006. State payroll taxes include Unemployment Insurance, Employment Training Tax, State Disability Insurance, and California Personal Income Tax.

To request an extension, employers must send a letter to EDD, along with any late payment or report. The letter should specifically request an extension of time under Section 1111.5 of the CUIC, and provide detailed information as to why the report or payment cannot be submitted on time.

Written requests for extension must be received by EDD with a postmark date of March 7, 2006, or earlier.

Employers should mail the tax return or payment to the address specified on the filing form. If an employer has already been charged a late filing or payment penalty the employer believes may qualify for this extension, the employer should send a written request to P.O. Box 826846, MIC 3A, Sacramento, CA 94246-0001.

For further information, employers may visit EDD's Web site at www.edd.ca.gov or call EDD's Taxpayer Assistance Center at 1-888-745-3886.

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